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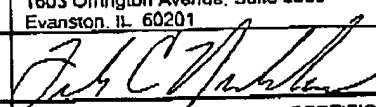
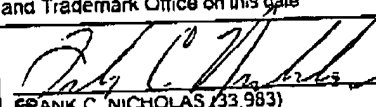
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	First Named Inventor	PATRICK H. FULLenkAMP
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	Examiner	SICONOLFI, ROBERT

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 6, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to a First Non-Final Office Action dated June 6, 2003, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

September 4, 2003  
Case No.: DP-304380 (7500/52)  
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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present amendment replies to a First Non-Final Office Action dated June 6, 2003. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the present application. Examiner Siconolfi rejected claims 1-22.

In the First Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Siconolfi asserted the following actions to pending claims 1-22:

- A. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Mevissen et al., US Patent No. 5,326,084.
- B. Claims 1, 4, 8-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Sakai US Patent No. 3,573,880.
- C. Claims 1, 4, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Muller et al. US Patent No. 4,545,601.
- D. Claims 5-7, 16-20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Muller et al. US Patent No. 4,545,601.
- E. Claims 2, 3, 12-15 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Muller et al. US Patent No. 4,545,601 in view of Handke et al. US Patent No. 5,622,242.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112.